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Summary of Human Occupationally-Acquired Illnesses Reported in 1974 by
Physicians in California as Due to Exposure to OMITE or COMITE

<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>EXPOSURE</u>	<u>NATURE OF DISEASE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
21	Ground Applicator	Spraying peach trees with sulfur, omite and imidan--rash on face, neck and arms	Contact dermatitis on neck and arms	Merced
25	Ground Applicator	Spraying with omite; soaked upper part of body when cleaning plugged nozzle.	Contact dermatitis; chemical	Merced
35	Ground Applicator	Spraying chemicals; rash on neck, arms and eyelids	Erythematous, dermatitis	San Bernardino
43	Ground Applicator	Spraying omite; wind blew chemical on him.	First degree chemical burns on neck and arms	Tulare
25	Ground Applicator	Spraying cotton with omite broke out in rash	Contact dermatitis on right eyelid, scrotum and neck	Tulare
49	Ground Applicator	Spraying trees with omite and benlate; drifted into eyes.	Allergic conjunctivitis	Fresno
18	Ground Applicator	Wiped face with shirt sleeve and got omite in eyes.	Chemical conjunctivitis	Kern
44	Ground Applicator	Opening bags of dust and spraying omite and dibrom; got some in eyes.	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Orange

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18	Ground Applicator	Spraying grape vines with omite and sulfur; drifted into eyes.	Bilateral chemical conjunctivitis and periorcular dermatitis	Fresno
28	Ground Applicator	Mixing, spraying and loading omite and zolone	Inhalation of spray	Merced
26	Ground Applicator	Spraying phosdrin and omite	Phosphate poisoning	Ventura
18	Ground Applicator	Spraying omite on almonds; rash on legs and body. Had also used sulfur on grapes.	Dermatitis on chest, ankles and legs	Fresno
25	Ground Applicator	Spraying omite and ZNP on peaches	Contact dermatitis	Kern
39	Ground Applicator	Spraying almonds with ZNP, guthion and omite	Generalized rash; M.D. not certain of cause. States that it may have been omite.	Kern
19	Ground Applicator	Spraying omite for 2 days	Rash on neck, chest and arms; particularly the exposed areas.	Kern
30	Ground Applicator	Driving spray rig and got chemicals on both arms. (omite and dibrom)	Dermatitis on both arms	Kern
33	Ground Applicator	Spraying omite	Rash	Kings

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45	Ground Applicator	Spraying peach trees using omite, potassium nitrate and basic copper sulfur.	Contact dermatitis; arms	Merced
20	Ground Applicator	Spraying peach trees with sulfur, omite and imidan; rash on face, neck and arms.	Contact dermatitis neck and arms.	Merced
18	Ground Applicator	Got omite in eyes	Chemical conjunctivitis eyes; antecubital fossae; legs and groin.	Kern
57	Ground Applicator	Spraying omite; wiped his face with his sleeve and got omite in his eyes	Chemical conjunctivitis and dermatitis of forearms.	Kern
34	Ground Applicator	Spraying almonds with omite was wearing face shield but it still got in his eyes.	Chemical conjunctivitis and chemical dermatitis	Tulare
22	Mixer-Loader	Working with omite; developed rash	Rash on elbow, wrist and especially neck	Kern
24	Ground Applicator	Applying comite to cotton; wind blew it into eyes.	Chemical conjunctivitis	Tulare
34	Mixer-Loader	Loading a fan sprayer; got too much water in tank and omite drifted onto him.	Erythematous papular rash of right forearm and abdomen	Fresno
18	Mixer-Loader	Mixing pesticides; dropped a can in mix tank and omite got in his eyes.	Chemical conjunctivitis	Kern

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18	Mixer-Loader	Mixing omite; got into eyes.	Heavy punctate stains of cornea	Kern
19	Mixer-Loader	Pouring omite from sacks into a box then dumping into helicopter tank.	Bilateral chemical Keratitis	Tulare
54	Mixer-Loader	Transferring comite from nurse rig to tractor; got splashed in face	Chemical burns of cornea	Tulare
48	Other	Spraying roses with omite and benlate over her head and mist fell into eyes.	Chemical conjunctivitis severe and bilateral	Kern
49	Irrigator	Was irrigating; crop duster sprayed him causing eyes to burn (comite and dibrom)	Nausea, difficult speech weak and salivation	Merced
21	Cleaning and Machine Repair	Cleaning pesticide equipment; chemical got in eyes; equipment had been used for applying sulfur and omite.	Chemical conjunctivitis	Tulare
25	Field Worker	Working in almond field; lumps started on rear and spread all over his body.	Allergic dermatitis	Kern
37	Field Worker	Picking berries and developed rash all over his body.	Hives and rash on arms and neck	Ventura

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18	Ground Applicator	Spraying grapes with sulfur and omite; exposed to drift	Contact dermatitis	Fresno
UNK	Field Worker	Exposed to omite and guthion	Skin condition; type unknown	UNK